

 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: DCA06RA040		Most Critical Injury:	
		Occurrence Date: 05/04/2006		Investigated By:	
		Occurrence Type: Incident		ICAO Report Submitted:	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Banglore		State	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone
Aircraft Information					
Registration Number 9M-TGA		Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing		Model/Series Number B727-200	
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Homebuilt Aircraft?		
Injury Summary:		Fatal	Serious	Minor	None 0
Sightseeing Flight:			Air Medical Transport Flight:		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On May 4, 2006, a Transmile Airlines B727-200, registration number 9M-TGA, experienced a reported left wing tank fuel explosion during ground maintenance in Banglore, India. The airplane was being readied for towing following maintenance to repair a fuel leak. While the auxiliary power unit was operating and providing electrical power to the airplane, the tow crew felt a "jolt" and noticed that a circuit breaker for the left wing fuel tank boost pump had tripped. Inspection of the airplane revealed substantial structural damage to the left wing in the area of the fuel tank. There were no injuries.</p> <p>The investigation is being conducted by the Director General of Civil Aviation India. The Safety Board is supporting the investigation with a team led by Lorenda Ward, U.S. Accredited Representative. She is accompanied by Safety Board specialists in Fire/Explosion, Systems, and Structures, as well as representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and Boeing.</p> <p>Further information about this investigation should be obtained from:</p> <p>Director General of Civil Aviation India Air Safety Directorate Aurbindo Marg, Opp. Safdarjung Airport New Delhi 110 003, India</p>					
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO CHANGE					

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Other Aircraft Involved		
Registration Number	Aircraft Manufacturer	Model/Series Number

Accident Information	
Aircraft Damage: Substantial	Accident Occurred During: Standing - engine(s) not opera
Property Damage:	

Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury
Pilot			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Operator Information			
Name Transmile Airlines	Operator Designator Code	Doing Business As	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
-Type of Certificate(s) Held:			
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Foreign Operation			
Operating Certificate:		Operator Certificate:	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Unknown			
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Scheduled; International; Passenger Only			

Flight Plan/Itinerary			
Type of Flight Plan Filed:			
Last Departure Point	State	Airport Identifier	
Destination	State	Airport Identifier	

Weather Information			
Investigator's Source:	Facility ID:	Observation Time (Local):	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:		Ft. AGL	
Lowest Ceiling:	Ft. AGL	Visibility:	SM Altimeter: "Hg

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Weather Information (Continued from page 2)

Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Wind Direction:	
Wind Speed: Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:	

Administration Data

Notification From Boeing	Date 05/19/2006	Local Time
FAA District Office/Coordinator Bob Drake	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Lorenda Ward	